

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Docket No. G0008/7004

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

1. My residence, post-office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.
2. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRIORITIZING DATA CHANGE REQUESTS AND  
MAINTAINING DATA CONSISTENCY IN A DISTRIBUTED COMPUTER SYSTEM  
EQUIPPED FOR ACTIVITY-BASED COLLABORATION,

the specification of which is attached hereto and identified by Docket No. G0008/7004.

3. I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application specification, including the claims.
4. I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me that is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

5. I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or 365(a) of any PCT application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the appropriate box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Application No.	Country	Filing Date	Priority NOT Claimed	Certified Copy Attached.
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☐ Additional foreign application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority data sheet attached hereto

6. I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of any United States provisional applications listed below:

Application No.	Filing Date
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7. I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120, of the United States Application(s) or 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT international application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, and which became available to me between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Application No.	Filing Date	Parent Patent No.
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☐ Additional U.S. or PCT application numbers are listed on a supplemental data sheet attached hereto

8. I hereby appoint the attorneys listed under the KUDIRKA & JOBSE, LLP customer number:

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jointly, and each of them severally, its attorneys at law, with full power of substitution, delegation and revocation, to prosecute this application to register, to make alterations and amendments therein, to receive the patent, and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. Address all correspondence to

Paul E. Kudirka, Esq.

at the customer address for the customer number listed above and

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under 18 U.S.C. §1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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☐ Additional inventors are being named on the additional inventor sheet attached hereto.

**STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY  
STATUS (Small Business Concern)**

Docket No. G0008/7004

Applicants: Jack E. Ozzie and Raymond E. Ozzie  
Serial No. Not yet assigned  
Filed or Issued: Herewith  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRIORITIZING DATA CHANGE REQUESTS  
REQUESTS AND MAINTAINING DATA CONSISTENCY IN A DISTRIBUTED  
COMPUTER SYSTEM EQUIPPED FOR ACTIVITY-BASED COLLABORATION  
Examiner: Not Yet Assigned  
Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned

I, the undersigned, hereby state that:

1. I am an official empowered to act on behalf of the small business concern identified below:

GROOVE NETWORKS, INCORPORATED  
800 CUMMINGS CENTER, BEVERLY, MASSACHUSETTS 01915

2. The above-identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern, as defined in 13 C.F.R. §121 for purposes of paying reduced fees to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time, or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls, or has the power to control, the other, or a third party or parties controls, or has the power to control, both.

3. Rights under contract or law have been conveyed to, and remain with, the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention described in:

- ☒ the specification filed herewith with the title listed above.  
☐ the application identified above.  
☐ the patent identified above.

4. If the rights held by the above-identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern, or organization having rights in the invention is listed below:

- ☒ No such person, concern or organization exists.  
☐ Each such person, concern, or organization is listed below.

5. No rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who would not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 C.F.R. §1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR §1.9(d) or any organization which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 C.F.R. §1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 C.F.R. §1.9(e).

6. I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small-entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR §1.28(b))

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